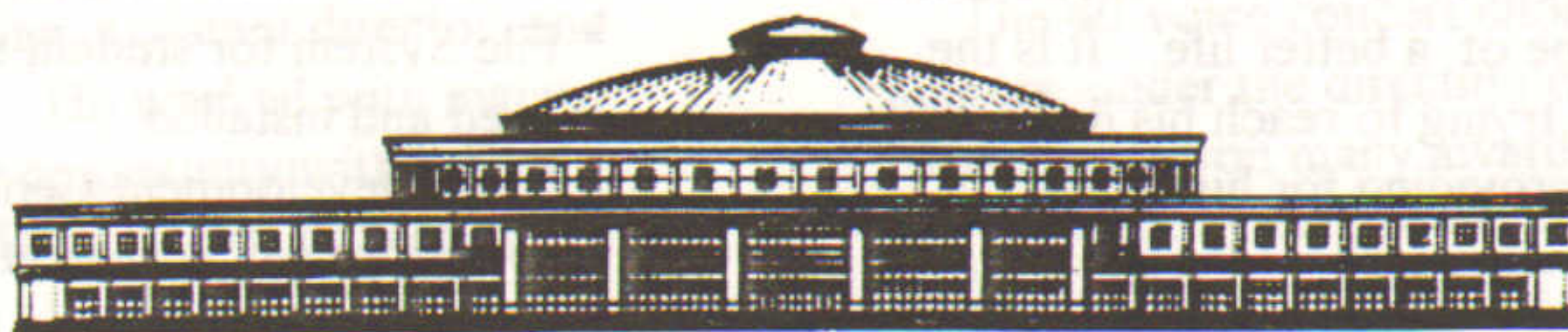


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A STATEMENT FROM SHELTON STATE PRESIDENT DR. TOM UMPHREY

Alabama's two-year college system was founded based on the belief that all people of this state, whatever their race, sex, income, or geographic location, deserve the opportunity to access higher education. Through the years, this "Right to Access" our colleges by Alabamians has become the cornerstone of the two-year college system.

Our colleges have demonstrated time and time again their effectiveness in providing education and training. The two year colleges of our state have educated and trained thousands of our citizens. Often, Shelton State, as it is with many other community colleges, has become the student's opportunity for success.

Never could those of us who understand the message of our two-year colleges have imagined this "nightmare" authored by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education. This plan that ACHE will recommend to the Governor will not only gut the two-year colleges of this state, but will eliminate completely the concept of ACCESS TO EDUCATION.

Under ACHE's proposal, Shelton State Community College will lose \$1.3 million. Then under the plan, the state will add back \$700,000 for a net loss to the college of \$600,000 in funds that would have been used to support the college's developmental or remedial program. This loss is even more devastating to our college when coupled with a 7.5% reduction in state funds in FY 1996 and no increase in FY 1997.

Our developmental program offers students refresher courses that allow them over a short time to develop or update the skills they need in order to successfully complete college work. Approximately 70% of students entering our college each year between the ages of 16 and 19 require courses in at least one of our three developmental areas, reading, math, and English. In math at least 79% of entering students receive developmental help. In English 55% of entering students are placed in developmental classes, and 43% of entering students test below level in reading. If the ACHE plan is approved and students are unable to take these necessary courses, according to state guidelines, they will be shut out of college level classes.

ACCESS TO EDUCATION has many faces. It is the trained worker desperately needed today by business and industry. It is the high school dropout who enters Shelton with the hope of a better life. It is the young man trying to reach his dream of adequately providing for his family.

It is also the young mother looking for the training that will provide an income for her child, or for the older Alabamian who needs new skills to compete in today's marketplace. Perhaps it is the senior citizen who believes in lifelong learning. Under ACHE's plan, many of these West Alabamians lose the opportunity to access education.

At our college, this plan comes at an especially critical time as the institution completes its move to the new campus. With this loss of over \$600,000, programs and services will be eliminated.

We believe the people of this state, many of whom have received an education at a two-year college, will not stand by and let our institutions be unfairly dismantled. Shelton is your "Community's College" and the college's success comes from serving you. Our commitment remains strong to the people of Alabama. Your support is needed to redirect this misguided plan. Please call or write your local representatives to let them know how you feel.

IT'S A MOVING EXPERIENCE

AUGUST 4 - 8

- *Skyland Faculty move offices
- *Child Development Center moves.
- * Classroom furnishings and common use areas move

AUGUST 11 - 14

- *Copy Center moves.
- *Library moves.
- *Some administrative offices will move.
- * File System for student records will be moved and installed.
- * Child Development Center reopens.
- *Bookstore will reopen at new location.

***Shelton State's mailing address will change effective August 29. Our new address will be: Shelton State Community College, 9500 Old Greensboro Road, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405**

* Shelton's telephone system will be down from 12 p.m. on Friday, August 29, until 8 a.m. on Tuesday, September 2. Please refer students to the registration Hot Line telephone number, (205) 391-2293, with questions concerning registration.

*** Shelton's computer system will be down from August 25 until September 9. Students will not be able to make any changes to their schedules after August 22.**

JOHNSON RETURNS TO SHELTON

This fall a familiar face will return to Shelton State's new library. Glen Johnson began his library career by working part-time at Shelton in the evenings at the circulation desk. He moved later to work in adding Shelton's library records to OCLC, a national database, which was an important part in developing the library's computer system. He also worked in Shelton's library instruction program.

He will rejoin the Shelton library team with major responsibilities in circulation, library instruction, and supervision of student

and senior assistants.

Johnson returns to Shelton from the Tuscaloosa Public Library where he was reference librarian, assistant director, and acting director. He worked with many members of the community with the genealogy and local history collection.

Johnson is married to Shelton English instructor Carole Johnson, and they have one daughter, Susannah. Johnson has appeared in a number of local television commercials and public television and performs occasionally in community theatre with Theatre Tuscaloosa.

SHELTON DEAN RECEIVES HONOR

Shelton State Dean of Students Humphrey Lee was recently named this year's recipient of the Kermit Mathison Award by the University of Montevallo. This award is given each year to an outstanding junior / community college administrator. The award carries a tuition scholarship to a deserving transfer student of the administrator's choice.

The committee making the selection was chaired by Dr. Terry Roberson, dean of the College of Education, and was composed of faculty and staff of the college. The award will be made at the Graduate Honors Day Dinner which will be held on August 7.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT MOVES TO NEW FACILITY

Operating out of inadequate facilities has never hindered Shelton State's music department. While operating out of a multi-purpose room on the college's Skyland Campus for the past 15 years, the music

department has still won recognition for itself and the students on both the local and state level.

The 40-voice concert choir, the Shelton Singers, under the direction of Glinda Blackshear, won many awards through the years, even traveling to New York to perform in Carnegie Hall. The Brass Ensemble, directed by Stewart Hampton, earned two first-place trophies in the Music Showcase sponsored annually by the Alabama Community College Association. The newest musical group on campus, the Shelton State Jazz Ensemble, is directed by Alan Blackshear and performs for many occasions at the college and in the community.

One of the most popular groups on campus is the "Bach to Rock" ensemble that performs about 25 times a year for local schools, clubs, and churches.

In August the department will move to its new home in the music suite that includes a small recital hall, a class piano room, a lecture hall, a band room, a choral room three studios, a computer lab and nine practice rooms. Yamaha Corporation and Southeastern Music Company are furnishing the class piano lab with state-of-the-art equipment.

Syble Coats, who coordinates the department programs, anticipates the department will continue to grow as students see the new facility and find out what the college has to offer. "The college offers many opportunities for West Alabama students to develop their talents. Class voice is also taught by Mark Brown and class guitar is taught by Michael Johnson. Shelton also offers an associate degree of science in music," Coats said.

Former Shelton students are found performing in various locations. Several students have gone on to perform at Six Flags over Georgia and at Dollywood.

Some of the other former students like Teresa Hardin are performing on cruise ships and in exclusive casinos. Steve Seale is part of a national touring company as a singer and dancer, and Kevin Payne teaches in Australia as a fine arts instructor.

NEWS ON CAMPUS

*Shelton's proposal to serve as a presenter at the annual Governor's Conference on Quality in Education was selected from over 250 submissions by a team of experts representing quality organizations, education and industry. Thirty-two proposals were selected from Michigan and 48 from other states. Johnny Parker and Ted Spring will represent the college at the conference.

*It's still not too late to see Theatre Tuscaloosa's production of "Anything Goes" now playing August 1, 2 and 3 at the Bama Theatre. The performances on August 1 and 2 will be at 7:30 p.m. The August 3 performance is a 2:30 p.m. matinee. Call 345-3912 for tickets.

THIS MONTH ON CAMPUS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

*Freshman Pre-Advising

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

*Asset Test 9 a.m.

Skyland Campus

*Financial Aid Workshop

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

*Last day of class for Summer Semester

* Freshman Registration 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

*Faculty Duty Day

*Title III Staff Meeting

Fredd Campus - Career Center

8:15 a.m.

*Financial Aid Staff Meeting

Skyland Campus 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

*Vice President's Council

10 a.m. Skyland Campus

AUGUST 18 & 19

Registration for Fall Semester

August 18: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

August 19: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Skyland Campus

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

ASSET TEST

9 a.m. Skyland Campus

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

First Day of Classes - Fall Semester

AUGUST 20 - 22

DROP AND ADD

After August 22 you may drop classes but you may not add. There will be no registration for full-term classes after August 22.

***AUGUST 22**

CASUAL DAY